

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1066**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Mendoza**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 4590 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1066, as introduced, Mendoza. Forest practices: timber harvesting plans.

The Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, unless a timber harvesting plan prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and approved. The act provides that a timber harvesting plan is effective for a period of not more than 3 years, unless extended as specified.

This bill would instead provide that a timber harvesting plan is effective for a period of not more than 10 years, unless extended as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4590 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 4590. (a) (1) A timber harvesting plan is effective for a period
- 4 of not more than ~~three~~ 10 years, unless extended pursuant to
- 5 paragraph (2).

(2) A timber harvesting plan on which work has been commenced, but not completed, may be extended by amendment for a one-year period in order to complete the work, up to a maximum of two one-year extensions, if ~~(A) good both of the following occur:~~

~~(A) Good cause is shown and (B) all.~~

~~(B) All timber operations are in conformance with the plan, this chapter, and all applicable rules and regulations, upon the filing of the notice of extension as required by this paragraph. The section.~~

*(b) The extension shall apply to any area covered by the plan for which a report has not been submitted under Section 4585. The notice of extension shall be provided to the department not sooner than 30 days, but at least 10 days, prior to the expiration date of the plan. The notice shall include the circumstances ~~which~~ that prevented a timely completion of the work under the plan and, consistent with Section 4583, an agreement to comply with this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board as they exist on the date the extension notice is filed.*

~~(b)–~~

*(c) Stocking work may continue for more than the effective period of the plan under subdivision (a), but shall be completed within five years after the conclusion of other work.*